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Trader House
Big Mill Road
Welbourne
Stockton vicinity

circa 1790

Simply identified during the late 1960s survey effort as the Trader farm, and known locally as the Baylis house, this single-story braced frame structure is a late 18th century dwelling. It was moved and reworked around the turn of the 20th century as a tenant house. The exterior is partially clad with beaded weatherboards fastened with wrought-iron nails, and the interior retains portions of the featheredged woodwork and wrought-iron hardware. The first floor is divided into two spaces by a later partition. Fixed in the southwest corner of the south room is an old stair that survives with wrought HL hinges. The second floor is notable as well, with its beaded-edge board partition and featheredged board door. Riven lath fastened with wrought nails remains in various sections of the loft space.

While the featheredged paneling recalls early to mid 18th century craftsman traditions, the balance of the braced frame structure points to a late 18th century date. Unlike other early structures on the lower Shore, the principal framing members, including the corner posts and tie beams, have a rough finish that was never intended for exposure.

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